

CLAIMS

I Claim:

1. An elastic band/loop device to retain the used portion of a closed end collapsible tube such as a toothpaste tube, comprised of:

A band/loop an embodiment of which could be fabricated of circular, ovoid, or flat fabric-elastic, rubber-elastic, or elastomeric material, and

A band/loop an embodiment of which could be fabricated in varying lengths, widths, and thicknesses, and

A band/loop an embodiment of which could be fabricated with variable coefficients of elasticity and,

A band/loop an embodiment of which could present itself in single and/or multiple color combinations, with decoration, logo's, pictures, or text imprinted thereon.

2. A band/loop as described in claim 1 wherein said band\loop is placed stretched around, encircling, compressing, entirely or partially covering and retaining a previously folded or rolled portion of a partially emptied collapsible tube such as toothpaste tube and,

A band/loop as placed in claim 2. wherein the elastic compression prevents back filling of the encircled and compressed emptied portion of the tube, and

A band/loop as placed in claim 2, wherein the encircled and compressed emptied portion of the tube is retained in a neat and tidy condition, and

A band/loop as placed in claim 2 wherein the encircled and compressed emptied portion of the tube is prevented from returning to an elongated state, and

A band\loop, as placed in claim 2, an embodiment of which could be sized to encircle and compress various sizes of closed end collapsible tubes such as toothpaste type tubes, and

A band/loop, as placed in Claim 2, wherein the encircled and compressed emptied portion of the tube is held securely without slippage, and

A band/loop, as pla76Xin Claim 2, which would have a coefficient of elasticity such that it will not crush or collapse said tube.

3. A band\loop as described in claim 1 wherein said band/loop may be used in sequential applications.